

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 are amended. Reconsideration of the application based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the August 9, 2006 personal interview with Examiner Boddie. The substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claim 1 because of the second appearance of the phrase "to the at least one data line." The phrase has been deleted.

In view of the above, the withdrawal of claim objections is respectfully requested.

II. Rejections under 35 U. S. C. 102(b)

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claim 3 as being anticipated by Takahashi (Pat. No. 5,526,163).

Claim 3 has been amended to include additional limitations, "first switches that are part of a precharge circuit" and "each precharge signal being less than its corresponding voltage." The support for the feature is found in at least the paragraphs 0004, 009-0019, 0051, and Figs. 1-8.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has mapped the lines from switches Sd1-Sdn in Fig. 6 to "precharge" lines in the claim. These "precharge" lines in Takahashi have the data voltage, Vd. Takahashi does not show the precharge signal being less than a data, voltage as recited in claim 3.

As discussed during the personal interview, in view of the above amendment, Applicant believes that Claim 3 does not read on Takahashi. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of 35 U. S. C. 102(b) rejection.

Rejections under 35 U. S. C. 103(a)

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4, and 7 under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi in view of Plus (Pat. No. 5,113,134). The Examiner also rejected claims 5 and 6 under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi in view of LeChevalier (Pub. No. 2004/0085086).

Claims 1, 2 and 4-7 are now amended to incorporate the same limitation that is added to claim 3. As discussed during the personal interview, and above with regard to claim 3, Takahashi does not show the newly cited feature. In addition, neither Plus nor LeChevalier shows the newly cited feature.

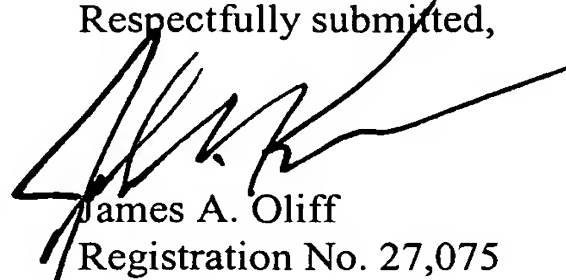
In view of the above amendments, Applicant believes that Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 are not unpatentable over Takahashi in view of Plus. Applicant also believes that claims 5 and 6 are not unpatentable over Takahashi in view of LeChevaliers because neither reference makes up for the deficiencies of Takahashi.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw 35 U. S. C. 103(a) rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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